

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

We claim:

1. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic composition, suitable for application to facial skin, lips and eyelashes, consisting of:

from 2 to 25% of a polyisoprene obtainable by the process comprising the steps of a) comminuting a solid polyisoprene with a molecular weight of between 100,000 and 4,000,000 and b) depolymerising the comminuted solid polyisoprene of step a) to a molecular weight within the above range;

from 0.05 to 20% of disteardimonium hectorite oleophylic modified smectite clay;

from 1.1 to 90 % of isododecane an aliphatic hydrocarbon with 12-22 carbon atoms;

the balance comprising conventional cosmetic excipients, colourants and additives, all percentages being by weight of the final composition, wherein said cosmetic composition is an anhydrous composition.

2. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the said solid polyisoprene of step a) has a molecular weight of between 2,000,000 and 4,000,000.

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Currently amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the oleophylic modified smectite clay disteardimonium hectorite is present in an amount of 0.1-10%.

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the aliphatic hydrocarbon with 12-22 carbon atoms isododecane is present in an amount of 10-80%.

8. (Original) A composition according to claim 1, further comprising from 0.5 to 20% of wax or silicone.

9. (Currently Amended) In a process for preparing a cosmetic composition, the step of using comminuting a solid polyisoprene with a molecular weight of between 100,000 and 4,000,000.

10. (Withdrawn) A method for preparing polyisoprene suitable for use is a composition according to claim 1, comprising comminuting a solid high molecular weight polyisoprene and mechanically degrading and depolymerizing the comminuted material in a high speed blade mixer to a lower molecular weight within the range of 100,000-4,000,000.

11. (New) Use of a cosmetic composition as described in claim 1 as a makeup product for lips.

12. (New) Use of a cosmetic composition as described in claim 1 as mascara product.

13. (New) Use of a cosmetic composition as described in claim 1 as eyeliner product.